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FOL REPEAT OF GENEVA 2357 TO VIENIANE INFO SECSTATE APR 07

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 2357

E.O. 1162: XGDS 7

TAGS: SNAR, LA, UN

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY LAOS TO RESUME OPIUM
PRODUCCION

REF: (A) VIENTIANE 205 ; (B) GENEVA 2078

1. PROFESSOR REUER (FRENCH) AND JOSEPH DITTERT (SAISS),
PRESIDENT AND SECREARY RESPECTIVELY OF INCB, HAVE IN
MIND VISITING VIENTIANE, HOPEFULLY IN MID-MAY, WITH
VIEA DETERRING PGNU FROM ATTEMPTING ENTER NARCOTICS RAW
MATERIALS LICIT EXPORT MARKET. IN MEANTIME REUTER/DITTERT
PLAN CALL EITHER ON LAO AMBASSADOR PARIS AROUND APRIL 10/11
OR ON LAO REIREPRESENTATIVE UNNY AROUND AIRIL 16-18 (ON OCCASION
THEIR VISIT NEW YORK FOR ECOSOC DISCUSSION INCB'S REPORT
FOR 1974.

PURPOSE OF CALL WOULD BE TO PROPOSE VISIT
VIENTIANE, TO EXPRESS SATISFACTION AT INITIATION UNFDAC
PROGRAM AND TO ALERT PGNU T AT BOARD HOPES LAOS WI
L CONTINUE
ALONG PATH IT CHARERED BEGINNING IN 1971 WHEN IT BECAME
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PARTY TO SINGLE CONVENTION AND ADOPTED ANTI-NARCOTICS LEGIS-

LATION AND WILL REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY RETROGRESSIVE ACTION.

2. IN INFORMING US OF FOREGOING, DITTERT SAID HE/REUTER
WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFO EMBASSY VIENTIANE CAN PROVIDE
AS TO CURRENT STATUS OF PGNU CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITIES
ABROGATING 1971 LEGISLATION AND ATTEMPTING ENTER LICIT EXPORT
MARKET. DITTERT WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY VIEW EMBASSY
MAY HAVE AS TO WHETHER HE/REUTER COULD MORE PROFITABLY CALL
ON LAO AMBASSADOR PARIS OR REPRESENTATIVE NEW YORK.

3. PLEASE ADVISE. ABRAMS UNQTE KISSINGER

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